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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

On behalf of the sweet potato industry in North Carolina, I am writing in support of the proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile.

The North Carolina SweetPotato Commission is a grower supported and funded commodity group representing over 370 growers and a host of industry related businesses. Over 55,000 acres of sweet potatoes are produced annually in North Carolina which represents close to 50% of the production in the entire USA with a farm gate value of \$182 million to the state of North Carolina alone.

Marketplace competitiveness demands that our growers have fast reliable access to advanced broadband technology despite their rural business location. The proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile offers the promise of a substantial advance in broadband availability. I understand the plan calls for 4G LTE wireless broadband to become available to more than 97% of Americans. This is a tremendous step forward and would make a substantial difference for North Carolina's sweet potato farmers who depend on wireless communications in their global marketplace.

The North Carolina SweetPotato Commission supports the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile and urges its approval.

Sincerely,

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